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**Overview:** This term we will be studying culture through the reading and viewing of Astérix and Obélix comic books and films. We will look at character stereotypes of many cultures (Gauls, Romans, Greeks, Egyptians, Vikings, etc.) created by Goscinny and Uderzo. We will also discuss in class, stereotypes within Australian culture.

### Task

You have been asked to write a proposal for the next Astérix DVD which is to be set in Australia. Our very own Mr Kay has offered to help judge the level of your front cover and excellent suggestions may be forwarded to Uderzo for his consideration!!

#### You will need to include in the proposal:

- Section 1: Your vision for the **front cover** of the DVD. This can be illustrated by hand, or cut and pasted from magazines or by using a computer.  
You need to give your DVD a **title** in English, e.g.  
*Astérix in Oz, Astérix Downunder, Astérix goes bush*
  - Section 2a, 2b: Gaulish Characters:
    - I. You need to **name** in the space provided, 2 existing characters from Goscinny and Uderzo's cartoons who will be coming to Australia.
    - II. You need to **illustrate** your characters in the space provided; by hand, or photocopied from comic books and coloured or by downloading from the Internet.
    - III. You need to **describe** your characters in **French sentences**, using the **adjectives** taught in class. [For extension you may source others.]
  - Section 3a, 3b: Australian Characters:
    - I. You need to **name** in the space provided, 2 new characters typical of Australia. Remember to keep to the style of Uderzo and Goscinny, e.g. *Pavlovastickky, Bigbikky, Sweatybluey, Rainbow Spearman*.
    - II. You need to **illustrate** your characters in the space provided; by hand, or by cutting and pasting from magazines or by downloading from the Internet.
    - III. You need to **describe** your characters in the space provided in **French sentences**, using the **adjectives** taught in class. [For extension you may source others.]
  - Section 5: The **setting (time and place)** for your DVD (e.g: Bondi Beach in 2012, Sydney Cove in 1788, Parliament House in 2012 or Uluru).
  - Section 5: The **plot** for your DVD. This is an outline of what will happen in your film.
  - Section 6: A list of all the sources you consulted
- Please present your work professionally, in a scrapbook or a plastic folder or a portfolio with each section of the task on a separate page.

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**We will use this booklet in class to help prepare for the assignment.**

Please give two examples of stereotypes.

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Based on our discussions in French class and your discussions in other classes, (eg SOSE, English, SHAPE) please write in English your definition of the word stereotype

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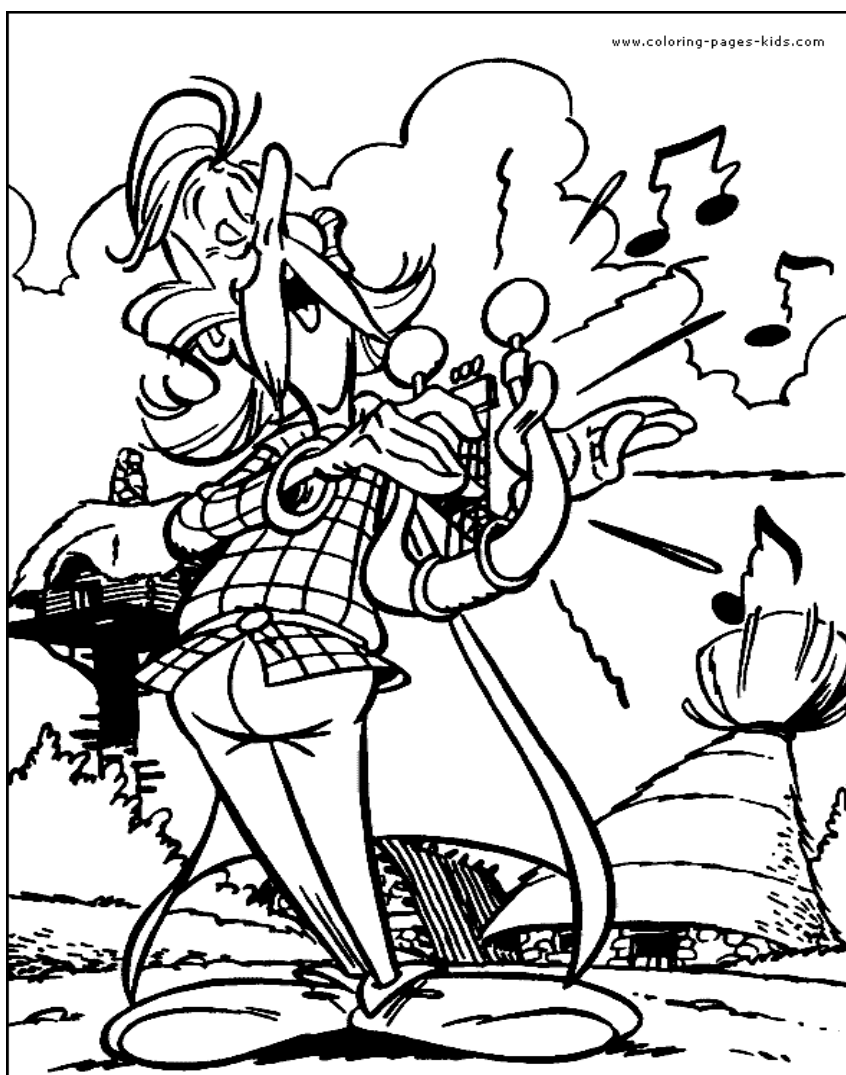
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Humour is very important in the Astérix and Obélix books. One of the ways in which Goscinny and Uderzo create humour is through reversing stereotypes. The Romans of 50BCE were strong and fearless conquerors but in these books they are afraid of one little village in Gaul. But perhaps the greatest humour comes from visual and verbal puns.

Goscinny et Uderzo renversent les stéréotypes. En 50 *BCE* Les Romains sont victorieux mais ils ont peur d'un petit village des Gaulois. Le chef du village est fort et courageux mais il a peur que le ciel ne lui tombe sur la tête.

Il y a aussi des jeux de mots. Le vieil homme s'appelle Agécannonix en Français et en anglais il s'appelle Geriatrix.

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En français il s'appelle \_\_\_\_\_ et en anglais il s'appelle \_\_\_\_\_

Comment est-il physiquement?

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Qu'est-ce qu'il porte ?

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Qu'est-ce qu'il aime faire ?

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Est-ce qu'il pense qu'il chante bien ?

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Est-ce qu'il chante bien ?

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Review of an Asterix and Obelix book

Title in English

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Titre en Français

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Author/s

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First published \_\_\_\_\_

Before you start look carefully at the cover. How does the cover indicate the following:

Some of the characters involved in this story? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where the story will take place? \_\_\_\_\_

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Some of the events in the story? \_\_\_\_\_

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Now read the book then answer the following questions.

Where and when does the story take place?

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Give a brief outline of the plot

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Briefly describe one of the customs of characters other than the Gauls.

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Name and describe a character other than Asterix or Obelix whom you found interesting and say why you found him/her interesting.

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Give the page number of your favorite illustration/scene from the book, then briefly describe it and say what you liked about it.

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